

In the Claims:

Kindly cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1-14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended) A pressure limiting valve device for protecting hydraulic pressure packs against an overload and hydraulic props against falling rocks in underground mining and tunnel construction comprising a valve housing, a consumer connection coupled to the valve housing, a pressurized fluid outlet in the consumer connection for allowing flow of pressurized fluid, a movable closure in the valve housing for ensuring separation of the pressurized fluid outlet and the consumer connection, a flow gap between the movable closure and the pressurized fluid outlet, a valve spring in the valve housing for exerting force such that the movable closure is movable against the force exerted, a seal on the movable closure for securing the flow gap, the valve housing and the consumer connection remaining connected when the overload occurs for discharging the pressurized fluid, wherein the seal comprises a groove and a non pre-tensioned seal ring with limited flexibility disposed in the groove without pre-stressing, the seal ring having a first side facing the consumer connection, a second side opposite the first side away from the consumer connection, top and bottom opposite sides between the first side and the second side, the groove having a shape for allowing partial or total flow of the pressurized fluid into the groove and around the seal ring, and wherein the seal ring is displaceable towards the consumer connection due to flow of the pressurized fluid on sides of the seal ring including the second side away from the consumer connection; the device further comprising a system pressure fluid, and wherein the groove and the seal ring are disposed in the

movable closure such that the system pressure fluid acts on the seal ring when the valve is in a closed position.

16. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 15, wherein the seal ring comprises a rectangular cross-section.

17. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 16, wherein the seal ring has a square cross-section.

18. (Canceled) Without prejudice.

19. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 15, further comprising a blind hole in the consumer connection and connection bores connecting the blind hole and the flow gap, wherein the groove and the seal ring partially extend into opening cross-sections of the connection bores.

20. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 19, wherein the connection bores are radial bores.

21. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 20, wherein the blind hole is disposed in a connection portion of the consumer connection connected to the valve housing, and wherein the radial bores are disposed proximal an end side of the blind hole at a height of the flow gap.

22. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 15, wherein the groove comprises first and second opposing sides and a base between the first and second opposing sides, a beveled funnel-type partition along the first side and the base, and a funnel opening formed by the funnel-type partition.

23. (Canceled).

24. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 22, further comprising a beveled partition on the second side of the groove for delimiting radial movement but allowing axial movement of the seal ring.

25. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 24, wherein the beveled partition comprises one or more spacers for influencing the seal ring.

26. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 15, wherein the seal ring is formed of plastic material.

27. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 26, wherein the seal ring is formed of polyamide material.

28. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 15, further comprising a connection nipple on the consumer connection and a piston-type attachment in the movable closure.

29. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 28, further comprising outlet ports connected to the pressurized fluid outlet, wherein the flow gap extends to the outlet ports.

30. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 28, further comprising a rounded corner formed by a top side of the connection nipple and a side of the piston-type attachment.

31. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 28, further comprising a beveled edge toward a bottom side of the top hat brim.

32. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve device of claim 28, further comprising sharp edges on the first side of the seal ring facing the piston-type attachment.

33. (Previously presented) The pressure limiting valve of claim 28, wherein the movable closure comprises a top hat portion, a spring disk and a top hat brim movable over the radial bores against the force of the valve spring, wherein a bottom side of the top hat brim and a top side of the connection nipple enclose the flow gap.